(e) The following steps are taken by NHAI to build road economically: i. The contracts are awarded on competitive bidding process, ii. The lenght of highways in contract packages is such that the package is viable and economical. iii- The Detailed Project Reports are prepared by reputed consultants, iv. The latest technology is being used

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Setting up of a Coal Videsh Ltd.

2879. SHRIVUAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATISHOBHANABHARTIA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has decided to move ahead with plan to allow Coal India Ltd. to set up a new subsidiary company Coal Videsh Ltd. for acquiring coal blocks abroad;

(b) if so, whether Ministry of Finance had objected to this proposal and suggested that Coal India itself should do the acquisition;

(c) whether the Union Cabinet has given its approval to the proposal; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (d) CIL Board has sent a proposal to form a new wholly owned subsidiary company of CIL with the name, Coal Videsh, for venturing into coal business opportunities abroad considering **the** widening demand-supply gap and the amount of coal imported into India. No final decision has been taken in the matter.

E-auctlon leading to fall In coal prices

†2880. SHRI AJAY MARCO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of coal is continuously decreasing after the implementation of e-auction system for sale of coal;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.